

wild and free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes; and H.R. 689, To interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, and for other purposes.

#### OVERSIGHT—WMATA

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held an oversight hearing on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: Jim Graham, Chairman, Board of Directors; John B. Catoe, General Manager; and Helen Lew, Inspector General; Matthew Welbes, Executive Director and Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### U.S. POLICY TOWARD CUBA-NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “National Security Implications of U.S. Policy Toward Cuba.” Testimony was heard from GEN Barry McCaffrey, USA, (ret.), former SOUTHCOM Commander, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

#### CREDIT CARD HOLDERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS ACT OF 2009.

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 627, the “Credit Cardholders’ Bill of Rights Act of 2009.” The resolution provides that no general debate shall be in order pursuant to the resolution. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10

of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gutierrez, Maloney, Minnick, Pingree, Polis, Price (NC), Hinchey, Jackson-Lee (TX), Carney, Cohen, Welch, Boccieri, Shuster, Jones, and Sessions.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2020, amended, Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2009; H.R. 1736, International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009; and H.R. 1709, amended, STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND FAMILY FARMERS

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “Climate Change Solutions for Small Businesses and Family Farmers.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### RECOVERY ACT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing on Recovery Act: 10-Week Progress Report for Transportation and Infrastructure Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Ray H. LaHood; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; the following officials of the EPA: Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator; and Melissa Heist, Assistant Inspector General, Audit; Terrence C. Salt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Civil Works), Corps of Engineers; Department of Defense; Paul F. Prouty, Acting Administrator, GSA; Donald A. Stadtler, Jr., Chief Financial Officer, AMTRAK; Dennis Alvord, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce; Katherine A. Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### FUNDING THE VA OF THE FUTURE

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Held a hearing on Funding the VA of the Future. Testimony was heard from Jessica Banthin, Director, Modeling and Simulation, Center for Financing, Access and Cost Trends, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Randall Williamson, Director, Healthcare Team, VA/DOD Health Care Issues, GAO; Sidath Viranga Panangala, Analyst in Veterans Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.